



City of Steubenville

Planning and Zoning Commission

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Zoning, Building Codes and Off-Campus Housing

The City of Steubenville has zoning and building codes which could affect a student's choice of off-campus housing. Steubenville is divided into three primary residential zoning districts. In all of these districts, a single-family dwelling can be occupied by not more than two (2) unrelated persons; additional persons can occupy the unit only if related to one of these two. Each single-family dwelling must have at least one off-street parking space.

In the "R-2" zoning district, boarding houses also are permitted. A boarding house is a dwelling occupied by its owner (including the owner's family) in which rooms or quarters are rented to up to two (2) other unrelated persons. Boarding houses require a permit to operate, and an inspection for compliance with building/property maintenance codes. Boarding houses cannot locate within a radius of 500 feet of another boarding house and they must have one off-street parking space, plus one off-street parking space for each bedroom.

In the "R-3" zoning district, rooming houses are permitted. A rooming house is a dwelling in which rooms or quarters are rented to a group of unrelated persons. The maximum number of persons that can occupy a rooming house is determined by the space requirements in the property maintenance code. Rooming houses are also required to have one off-street parking space, plus one off-street parking space for each bedroom.

You should contact the Steubenville Planning and Zoning Commission office at (740) 283-6000, ext. 1700 to determine the zoning district and specific requirements that apply in your situation. The most common complaints received by the city regarding college student housing include overcrowded housing, housing and property conditions, noise and parking.

It is always better to check city requirements in advance rather than find out later and have to move to another unit in the middle of a semester because it is not zoned properly, is overcrowded or for some other reason related to city codes. Remember, when renting please be a good neighbor and be considerate of those living around you. Thank you for your cooperation.

The above is a summary only of some City of Steubenville requirements. It does not supersede the codes, rules and regulations adopted by the City of Steubenville.